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Dear Friends,

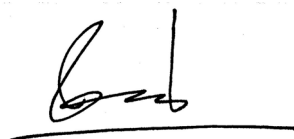
By now, I am sure you have heard and seen on television the news of the terrorist attacks in the U.S. on September 11. Many of you, as well as other friends of the Fulbright Program, have sent condolences, which we appreciate greatly. For those of you who have friends or relatives in the U.S., I hope they have not been directly harmed by the attacks, even though we have all been affected by it on some level. At the U.S. Embassy, we are maintaining business as usual, refusing to let terrorism disrupt our missions and daily operation.

Indeed, September was a busy month for us at the Fulbright Program. We hosted three major events in September: the U.S. Fulbright Scholar and Student Orientation, the U.S. Scholar Evaluation Session and the Second Annual Fulbright Conference. You can read more detailed reports on these events in this issue of the newsletter. I want to sincerely thank everybody who participated in these events, especially those of you who traveled to Hanoi to attend them. Our next event will be a Fulbright dinner party in Ho Chi Minh City. Please look for more details in the next newsletter.

At this time, we are starting to receive applications for the Fulbright Scholar Program 2002-2003, which will be reviewed by a panel of former Fulbrighters and U.S. Embassy staff later this fall. The deadline to submit an application is October 15, 2001. We have also selected candidates to interview for the Vietnamese Fulbright Student Program. My thanks to all of you who have encouraged qualified candidates to apply to these two programs.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,



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